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News

“New Castle: Three Forts, One Community” exhibit to open at the New Castle Court House Museum on Sept. 9, 2017

Exhibit examines the 17th-century struggle for control of New Castle, Del. by the Dutch, Swedes and English.

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Native-American heritage to be spotlighted at division museums during September 2017

Programs on Delaware's Lenape and Nanticoke Indian tribes to be featured.

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Victor's "Indian Melodies" recordings

Company played a major role in recording Native-American-inspired music.

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50th anniversary celebration of Johnson Victrola Museum taking place in 2017

Museum highlights the life and achievements of Dover's native son, Eldridge Reeves Johnson, founder of The Victor Talking Machine Company.

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"Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak"

Tours explore the surviving hull section of this 18th-century shipwreck.

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Help Save Delaware History

Successful National Register research workshop held on July 19, 2017

Workshop designed to increase support for historic preservation, and to provide historical-research training for property owners.

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Delaware State Historic Preservation Office represented at national meeting of transportation professionals
Archaeologist Craig Lukezic spoke on historic preservation issues in highway projects.

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Delaware World War II tower to get a makeover

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Aug. 22, 2017

Historic property served as part of coastal-defense system.

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Dinker-Irvin Cottage listed on National Register of Historic Places

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—Aug. 15, 2017

Plans call for the building to house the Bethany Beach town museum.

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History Matters: Preservation Delaware's vision for the future of historic preservation

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Aug. 4, 2017

Article on the current state of historic preservation in Delaware.

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Love Creek subdivision goes to state planners

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 21, 2017

State Historic Preservation Office [comments](#) included in state agencies' review of project.

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Grants for historic preservation

African American Civil Rights and Partners in Training grants now available.

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

Articles on cultural tourism offerings in Delaware

Division museums and historic sites among the attractions cited.

[Southern Delaware history and attractions featured in September](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Aug. 14, 2017

[6 places to go to escape the noise](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Aug. 10, 2017

[Delightful Delaware](#)

Winston-Salem Journal, N.C.—Aug. 10, 2017

[Sick of sunbathing? Try antiquing or walking tours in Sussex this weekend](#)

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Aug. 4, 2017

Events

Wednesdays, Aug. 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27

[Lost Off Lewes: Tours of the British Warship DeBraak](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Sept. 2

[First Saturday Historical Tour](#) – Downtown Georgetown

[First People of the First State: 12,000 Years, 300 Years and One Year](#) – The Green, Dover

Saturday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 4

[A Dog's Tale](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Monday, Sept. 4

[Labor Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware will be open

[A Test of Time: What Does State Recognition Mean?](#) – The Old State House

Wednesday, Sept. 6

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Sept. 9

[The Battle of Cooch's Bridge Memorial Ceremony](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Delaware State Parks: Time Travelers](#) – The Old State House

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Hunting for Hudson: A Quest to Understand the Explorer](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Lighthouse Sunset Cruise](#) – Lewes Harbor

Saturday, Sept. 16

[River Towns Ride and Festival](#) – New Castle and Delaware City

[Reflections From a Tribal Chief](#) – The Old State House

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

[Annual Lafayette's Birthday Party](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30

[50th Anniversary Celebration](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Sunday, Sept. 17

[Frank Furness and Wilmington's Water Street Station](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Sept. 23

[The Lenape Indian Tribe Today](#) – The Old State House

[Nanticoke](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Sept. 30

[Native Ways](#) – The Old State House

[How Do You Know if You're Indian?: Expressing Indian Identity](#) – The Old State House

[A Dead Whale or a Stove Boat: The Early-American Whaling Industry](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[National Estuaries Day Campfire Program](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Opening Sept. 9, 2017

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[Rose Color to Gold to Glowing Red: Orville and Ethel Peets in Paris 1913-1914](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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